

HOUSE RESOLUTION 73
By Phillips

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Jim Gray of Lincoln County on his outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body honor those individuals whose diligence and hard work have made a significant impact on Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Jim Gray is one such notable person, who serves with distinction as the Director of Economic Development for the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Industrial Development Board; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fayetteville, Jim Gray exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Jim Gray graduated from Fayetteville Central High School and received his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gray began his meritorious career as a legislative assistant to former U.S. Representative Jim Cooper; in this position, he worked extensively with federal, state and local officials to promote economic development in Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, following his tenure with Representative Cooper, Jim Gray was the Washington representative for the Tennessee Valley Authority, representing TVA on a number of economic development activities before Congress and the Administration; and

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WHEREAS, he also represented TVA on Vice President Al Gore's Information Infrastructure Task Force; and

WHEREAS, since Jim Gray has been named Director of Economic Development, eight new companies have established manufacturing facilities in Fayetteville, resulting in more than \$100 million in new investment; and

WHEREAS, Jim Gray serves with alacrity and acumen on several boards, including meritorious service as chairman of the Lincoln County Telecommunications Board, Commissioner of the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Regional Airport Authority, member of the Lincoln County Fair Board, member of the Fayetteville Industrial Board and chairman of the Team Redstone Marketing Committee; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Jim Gray is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife and three children; and

WHEREAS, Jim Gray and his family are active and devout members of the St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, where he serves as a member of the church's vestry; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause in its deliberations and honor this exemplary gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Jim Gray on his many outstanding contributions to Lincoln County and to Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Mr. Jim Gray much continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.